

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 4th APRIL 2011
IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL STARTING AT 7.45pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Tim Haward (TH)	Councillor Mrs A Powell (AP)
Councillor RA Lee (RL)	
Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (HB)	Councillor P Williams (PW)
Councillor D Hildreth	Councillor R Syms (RS)

IN ATTENDANCE

Ward Councillor Ian Gillies (IG), Mrs S Warden (Clerk) and 3 members of the public

050 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED: Councillor M Comber-Evans (MCE),
Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (HB) and Councillor R Syms (RS)

051 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

052 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th March 2011 were proposed as a true record by PW seconded by AP, agreed and signed.

053 WARD COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS:

Eddie Brown and Harrogate Travel will be running the bus service from York to Wetherby from 18th April. This service is subsidised by North Yorkshire so there is little that York can do. RL had a copy of the timetable that included the buses running from both companies and there is no difference in the service currently run by Arriva bar the last bus from Wetherby. The Clerk will put copies of the timetables up in the notice boards.

The house behind Trenchard Road that was supposed to be demolished under enforcement has not yet been so, but IG has it in hand.

There are two new directors on the board of Yorwaste. One is the CYC Director of City Strategy, Bill Woolley and the other his counterpart in NYCC.

The Local Development Framework is going to full council on Thursday then to Public Enquiry. There will be a public consultation towards the end of May and then will be fed to the Government Minister for approval.

IG chased up Andy Vose regarding the Cycle Path. A draft bid has gone in today for funding.

The road from Rufforth to Wetherby needs sorting out and we need to liaise with other parish councils. This is to go on the May agenda.

3rd Village Sign for Rufforth – CYC officer Mr Partington wants to charge £400 for a licence to dig up the Highway. PW will email IG with details in order IG can follow this up. IG will also follow up the leaning directional sign.

054 CLERK'S REPORT:

The sign at the bottom of Bradley Lane was now in place.

The Clerk will speak to Julie Hood regarding the money left over from the new seat in the Natural Burial Ground to see if we can use it for a sign for the gate.

055 PLANNING:

12 Victoria Farm Close: the consultation papers had gone back to CYC with no objections but comments on the application.

Harewood Whin: The Secretary of State had not called in the application for the 2 new compost pads, Bob Neil had written on behalf of the Secretary of State saying if we were unhappy with the CYC decision we could go to the Local Ombudsman. We are however unable to do this as a Parish Council and Julian Sturdy will look into what we could do e.g. the European Parliament.

The Extension to the Materials Handling building: Mike Wood had represented the council at the Planning Committee meeting as TH and RL were both away. This had been approved but with a slight reduction in working hours.

056 FINANCE:

The Clerk produced a monthly financial report, a copy of which is in the minute file.

Invoices for payment: It was agreed to pay the following: £300 to YLCA for subscription, £72.47 to Deborah Smitten for the Web Site, £18 to HB for the purchase of a marker for the Natural Burial Ground, £90 to the Clerk for 3x Burial fees and £142.02 to the Clerk for the last quarter's expenses.

Receipts: None

Bank Balances - £15,876.76 Funds Available - £1,808.14

TH proposed that someone to do the Clerk's PAYE and NI is hired and this was seconded by RL and agreed.

057 CYCLE ROUTE:

The minutes of the last meeting are in the correspondence file and being circulated.

There was a consensus that the route should be along the south side of Yorwaste and then up Moor Lane.

There was concern that Mark Hall may be backtracking on saying that Yorwaste would build the track to Sustrans specifications on the south side on Yorwaste Land.

The next meeting is on Thursday 14th April. The Cycle Track is moving forward with Andy Vose's application to SUSTRANS for funding.

058 YORWASTE:

There had been a major litter spillage during March across Moor Lane. After TH and IG had got involved 95% of the litter had been removed. Site procedures could not have been followed to allow this to happen. The Environment Agency and CYC Councillors on the Planning Committee had been informed.

059 KNAPTON PROJECTS:

AP and PW had cleared weeds and litter from the new tree whips at the back of Knapton Green. There had been a meeting with the CYC Allotments Officer and also with the Friends of the Recreational Field. All were happy that the land by the Recreational Field is used for Allotments and the officer will get a list of contractors. Anyone wanting allotments can contact AP. An Allotments Association will eventually be formed. There will be between 6 – 10 allotments.

060 CORRESPONDENCE:

The correspondence was noted.

The Clerk will follow up on the lack of response from Transco.

061 NEW BUS SERVICE TIMETABLE:

This had been dealt with in Item 053.

062 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Ward Committee: There was to be a “Chat 2 Us” Ward meeting at Askham Richard village Hall from 10am – 12 noon.

Burial Ground – HB and the Clerk had a look at a wheelchair friendly access to the Burial ground and calculated it would need about 45 paving slabs plus sand.

Tributes on plots that have not been removed will be removed shortly.

Archiving: PW will take over from MCE with Rae Mould. TH thanked them both.

Land Registry: DH handed over the registration papers to the Clerk having completed the registration of the Land with the Land registry and was thanked by TH.

YLCA : There had been no meeting.

RL had attended a training session on planning.

063 COMMUNICATIONS:

The newsletter is in draft ready to be looked over and tidied. It will hopefully be out in a week to 10 days before the elections.

The Clerk will take over the running of the Web Site from TH shortly.

064 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

Mike Wood is sourcing a piece of oak for the top of the pump which is likely to be around £50. All agreed we spend in the order of £50.

The Clerk will ask CYC for sweepings for Southfield Lane.

065 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 9th May 2011 at 7.45pm in Rufforth Village Hall. This will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

TH thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.32 pm.

049 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bill Halford said that Cold Calling was banned from Knapton Lane and wondered if this could be extended to Knapton. TH suggested that he contact either Neighbourhood Watch or the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Bill Halford said the Knapton Pinfold was looking tatty, AP said the weeds would be killed.

AP will have a walk around Knapton with Rachel Stewart (CYC) regarding signs.

Fly-tipping on Bland Lane – if fly-tipping is seen ring 551551 and CYC will pick up within 48 hours if reported.

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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